

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On Page 97, please delete the last paragraph as follows:

~~Fig. 1V5 is a schematic representation of a presentation type bar code symbol reading system embodying the PLIIM-based subsystem of Fig. 1V1;~~

On Page 82, after the fourth paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

--Fig. 1I19C is an optical assembly 450 for use in any PLIIM-based system of the present invention, comprising a stationary cylindrical lens array supported in a frame and mounted in front of a PLIA embodying a plurality of "multi-mode" type visible laser diodes (VLDs) operated just above their lasing threshold so that each multi-mode VLD produces a temporal coherence-reduced laser beam.--